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Subject: [DEC-Sulfolane] New Plume Maps, New DEC Project Manager

You are receiving this email because you are on the Contaminated Sites Program's email list to receive notices regarding sulfolane in groundwater near the North Pole Refinery.

Thanks to all who attended the Aug. 18th Open House at the North Pole Branch Library. It was an excellent opportunity for community members to speak informally with our staff about issues surrounding the groundwater contamination, to look at maps, and to express concerns.

In response to requests made during the Open House, we have added three recent maps of the plume to the website - maps that were on display at the Open House. All are from Flint Hills' 1st Semiannual 2015 Offsite Groundwater Monitoring Report:

1. **The approximate extent of sulfolane impacts.** The boundaries of the plume are indicated by a yellow dashed line, not to be confused with larger blue-shaded areas of permafrost at various depths.
2. **Sulfolane concentrations in private wells**, with concentrations given in ranges.
3. **Trends in sulfolane concentrations (increasing, decreasing, or stable) in private wells and monitoring wells.** This map drew much interest at Open House.

To view or download the maps, see <http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/sites/north-pole-refinery/map.htm>

We would also like to take this opportunity to introduce DEC's new project manager for the investigation of sulfolane contamination from the North Pole Refinery:

Having just been assigned the Project Manager position after Kim DeRuyter's expert guidance, I would like to introduce myself: my name is Jim Fish, and I have worked in DEC's Contaminated Sites Program as a project manager in Fairbanks since 2009, and Fairbanks has been my home for over 20 years.

A little bit about my background...I have an educational background in biology & environmental science, and I've worked in fields ranging from microbiology & environmental cleanup, to fisheries biology, habitat and water quality, and even private health labs. I feel at home in the environmental sciences and as a DEC Project Manager because they enable me to draw on my past experiences and apply multidisciplinary approaches to understand complex contamination issues. I'm keenly aware of the impacts contamination has on peoples' lives – both at the individual and the community level. I am hoping to be a part of solutions that not only improve the environment, but also people's well-being and prosperity. I look forward to working with you and the North Pole community.

Sincerely,

Jim Fish, Project Manager, Phone: 451-2117

If you have questions, you may also call DEC at (907) 451-2182. For DEC's website on the North Pole sulfolane issue, please visit: <http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/sites/north-pole-refinery>.

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